

14th SESSION OF THE COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

UK NATIONAL STATEMENT: THE WAY FORWARD

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CSD14 has achieved its purpose. We have built a good understanding of barriers and opportunities. We have a clearer sense of key issues to be focused on in preparation for CSD15.

The UK believes that, in particular, action orientated measures are needed in the following areas:

Firstly, improving **access to reliable and affordable energy** services sufficient to meet basic human needs and achieve the Millennium Development Goals. This requires the inclusion of access in **national development strategies** and the creation of conducive investment frameworks; capacity building and financial support from donor countries and the IFIs, as well as the private sector.

Secondly, urgent global action is needed now to address **climate change**, which threatens the achievement of all the MDGs. This demands a range of solutions. It requires all countries to mainstream **mitigation and adaptation** of climate change within national development plans, with particular support being given to the most vulnerable countries. It also requires enhanced investment in low carbon energy technologies, improved energy efficiency and increased use of renewable energy. We need to deploy innovative market mechanisms such as emissions trading and the CDM.

Thirdly, developed countries must take the lead in achieving **sustainable consumption and production**. We have a long way to go. There are also huge opportunities for developing countries to leapfrog to more sustainable solutions. **Key actions include:** follow-up to the Marrakech Task Forces, promotion of corporate social and environmental responsibility and accountability, and reforms in transport including in aviation and maritime.

Fourthly, we need to reduce **indoor air pollution**, which disproportionately affects women and children in developing countries. Efforts should include dissemination of cleaner technologies and fuels, education and capacity building.

In pursuing such issues we should keep in mind the inter-linking and crosscutting issues that connect them.

Chair.

Next year CSD15 needs to generate **negotiated and non negotiated action orientated measures**. CSD15 also needs to agree arrangements to **review progress** on our energy commitments after CSD moves on to the next cluster.

To achieve this, it's essential that we use the coming year for **dialogue** to **mature our thinking**, so we arrive at CSD15 with a clear idea of the kinds of measures needed to bring about **real change** and **real progress**.

Thank you.